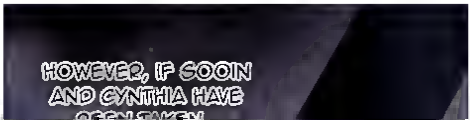
AS LONG AS GIRON IS THERE, BACKSTAGE,

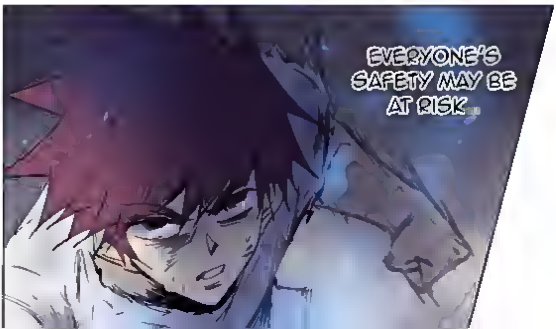
HUMANS COULD NOT

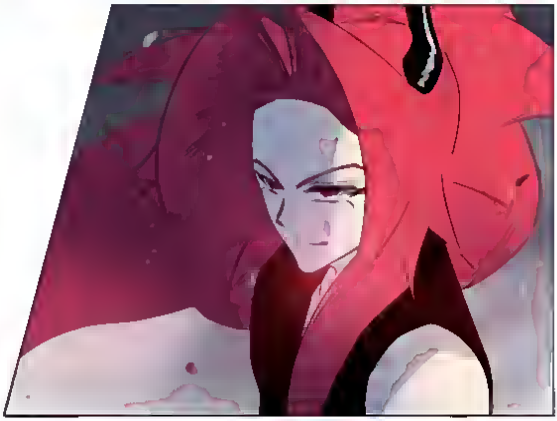
ADVANCE.

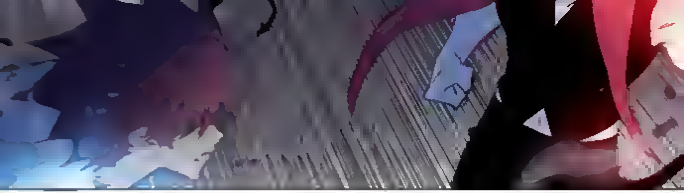
THEY NEEDED TO COME TO SOME KIND OF ULTIMATUM.
FL
AND SO FAUST CHOSE A COMPETITION.
ASH
TO FACE GIRON HEAD-ON TO TRY TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND. THAT WAS THE PLAN ON THIS ALL STARTED.

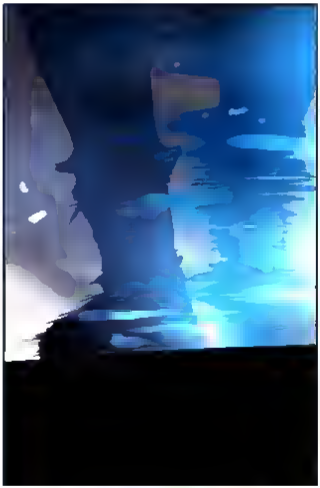

HOWEVER, IF SOOIN AND CYNTHIA HAVE

BEEN TAKEN...
THINGS LOOK BLEAK...


EVERYONE'S SAFETY MAY BE AT RISK...







FIN

OOSH

HOOOOSH
MEPHISTO...
PANT
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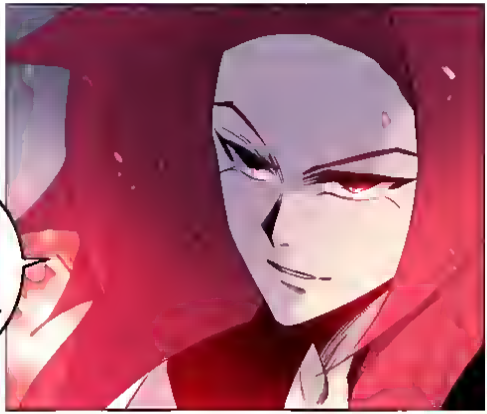
RESORTING TO THE USE OF YOUR

WINGS...

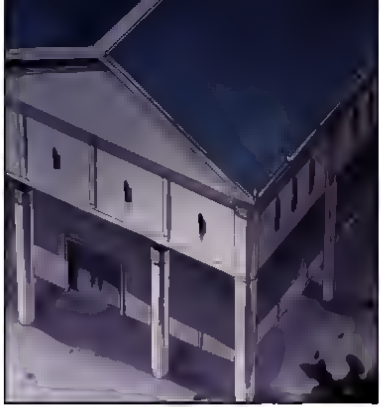


NOW THINGS ARE GETTING A LITTLE INTERESTING.

ALRIGHT, THAT'S GOOD.

THAT'LL BE SUFFICIENT, SIHOON.

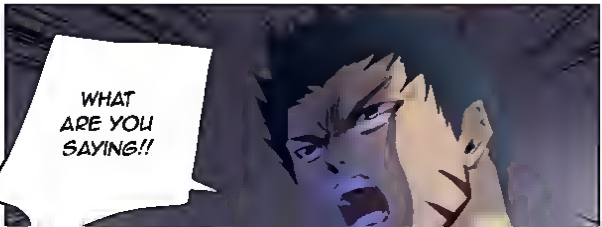
SOMETHING MORE URGENT'S COME UP.



I JUST GOT THE NEWS MYSELF.
I'M ABOUT TO GO JOIN FAUST.
SIHOON. YOU TRAINED FOR FOUR DAYS AND NIGHTS STRAIGHT. YOU NEED REST.
WE WILL FIND THEM. TRUST US.

THIS IS PROBABLY GIRON'S DOING...

WE WILL GO TO NESK.

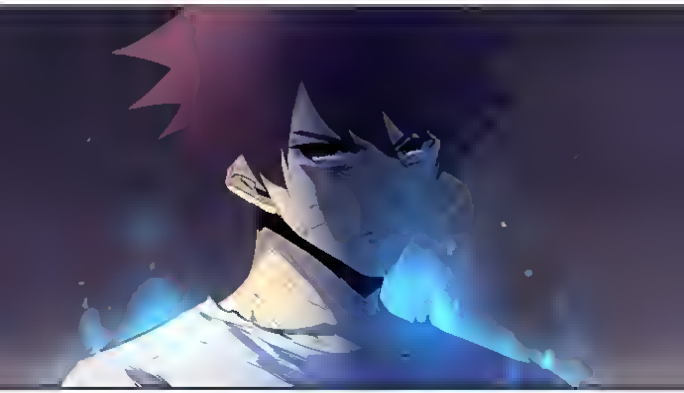

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!!

FLUSH
THAT'S THEIR BASE!
YOU THINK YOU BARGING IN THERE ALONE WILL HELP YOU FIND GIRON?!
AS LONG AS SOOIN AND CYNTHIA ARE IN THEIR HANDS, JUST TRYING TO FIND THEM PUTS THEM IN DANGER!!
GR
ASP
FAUST IS TRYING TO

FIND WHERE THEY ARE BEING KEPT. YOU, WAIT HERE, FOR NOW...
JOLT

...IT SEEMS YOU WON'T BE CONVINCED BY WORDS.
SWISH
BUT, I CAN'T LET YOU GO WALKING INTO YOUR GRAVE

I WILL STOP YOU.



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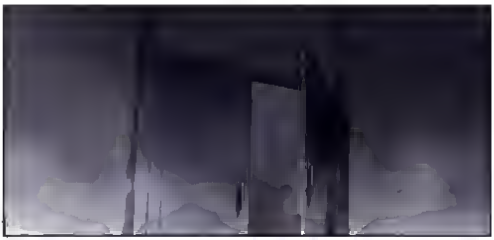
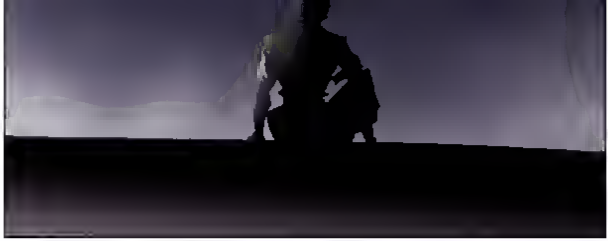
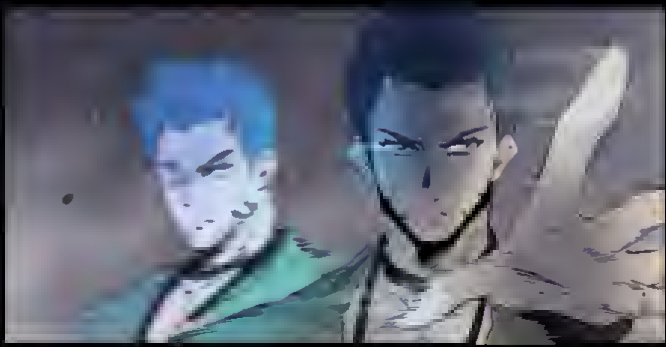




BOOM

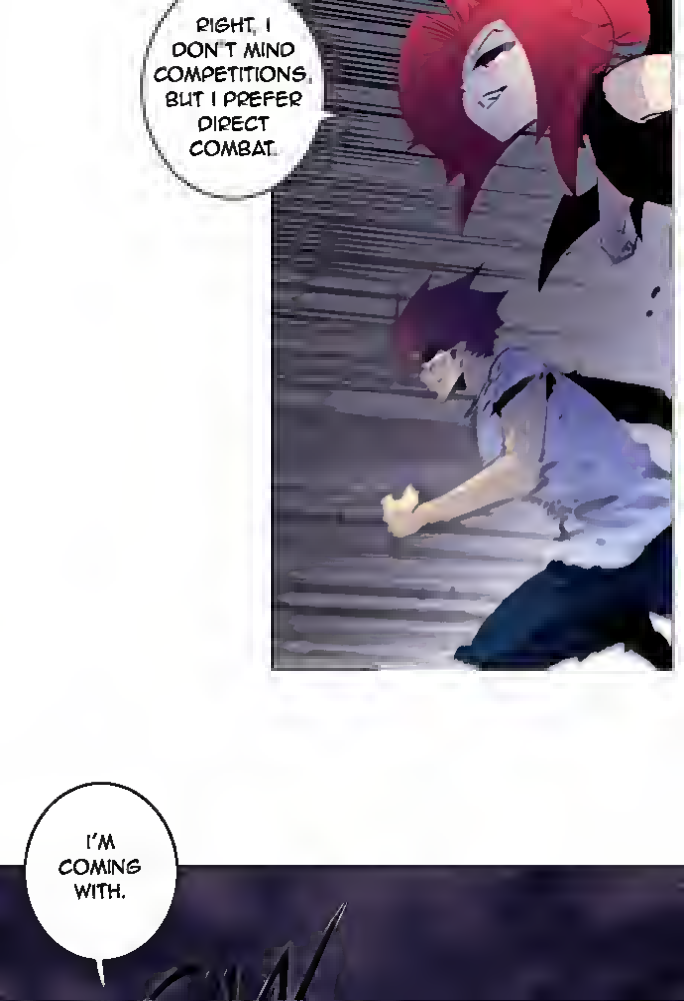
ARE YOU REALLY GOING?
YES.
STOMP

THE FIGHT JUST NOW...



CHA
HE DODGED IT BY USING AN

ILLUSORY TRICK...
WHEN HE WAS TRAINING WITH ME, HE JUST TOOK ME HEAD-ON.
HAD HE USED THAT TRICK WITH ME...
MAYBE... HE WOULD HAVE HAD ME...


RIGHT, I DON'T MIND COMPETITIONS, BUT I PREFER DIRECT COMBAT.
I'M COMING WITH.

SNIFF
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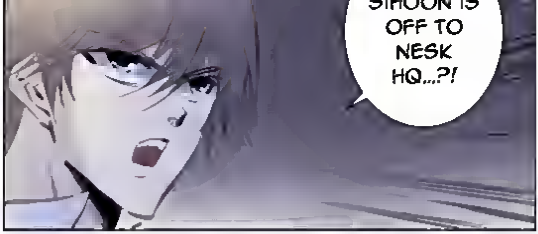
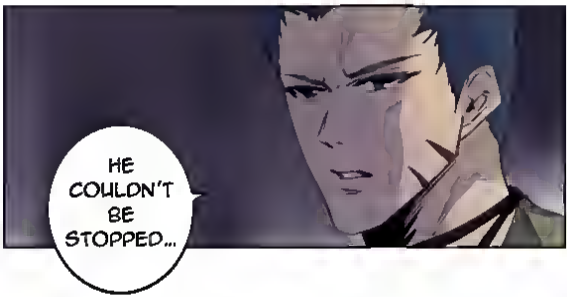
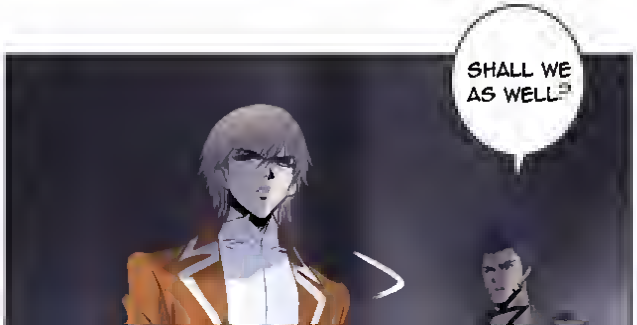
KERBEROS' SENSE OF SMELL IS CONSIDERED TOP HERE.
WE WILL FIND THEM.

IN THE MEANTIME,
MICHAEL WILL KEEP THE
MEINS occupied.

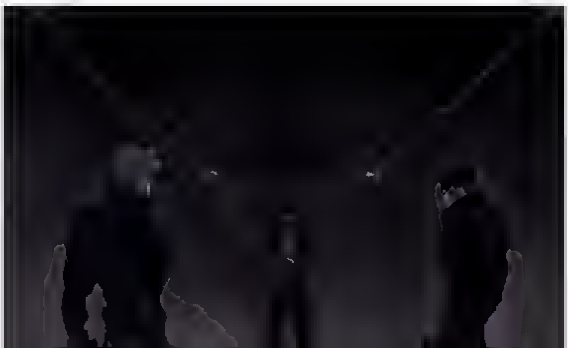
AND FAUST WILL FORM A NEW SEARCH UNIT.


SIHOON IS OFF TO NESK HQ...?!


HE COULDN'T BE STOPPED...


SHALL WE AS WELL?

NO. HE'S WITH MEPHISTO. THEY WON'T BE EASY TO TAKE ON.
IF WE WANT TO STOP SIHOON... THE BEST WAY IS TO FIND SOOIN AND CYNTHIA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.



RUN
JAHART. ANSWER.
WHY HAVE YOU BETRAYED US?

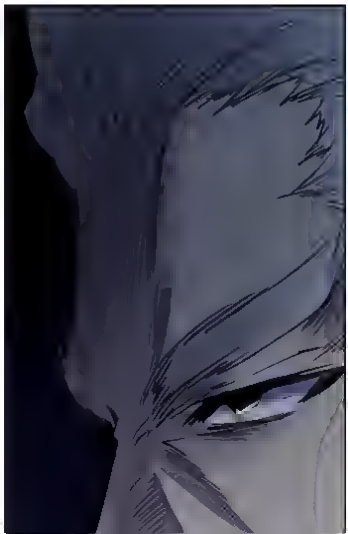
WHY HAVE YOU PASSED OUR SECRET TO HUMANS?
IF YOU ANSWER, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DIE A PAINLESS DEATH

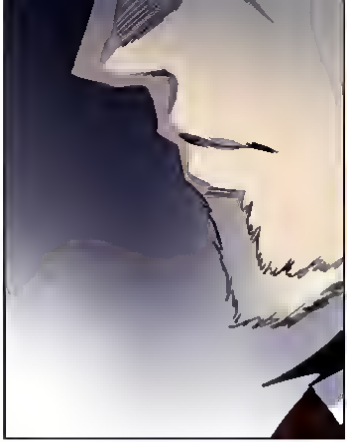
WE GOT TWO HUMANS. DOES THAT PUT AN END TO THE BATTLES, THOUGH WE HAD THE UPPER HAND ALREADY?
TUG
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO

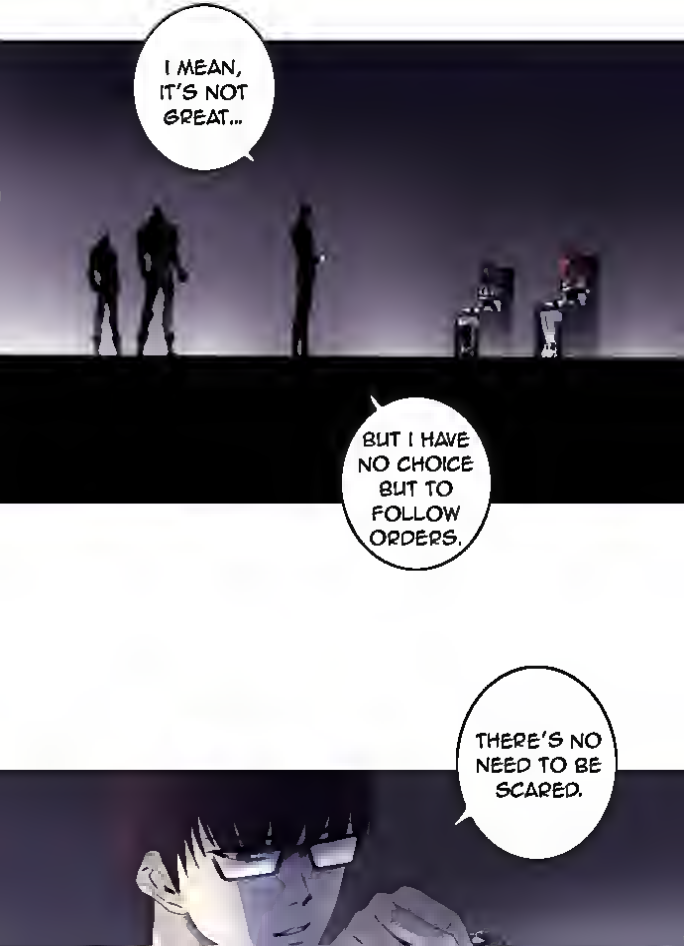
HOSTAGES ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THEIR NEGOTIATION PRICE.

IF THEY NO LONGER SERVE A NEED, THEY WILL BE KILLED.

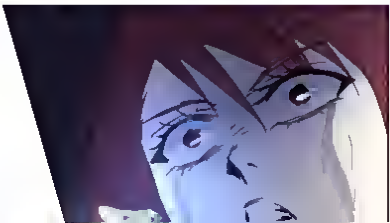
YOU ARE INDEED BETTER SUITED FOR THINGS LIKE THIS THAN BUSINESS DEALINGS.


YOU ARE COOL-HEADED, AND THAT IS YOUR GREATEST WEAPON.

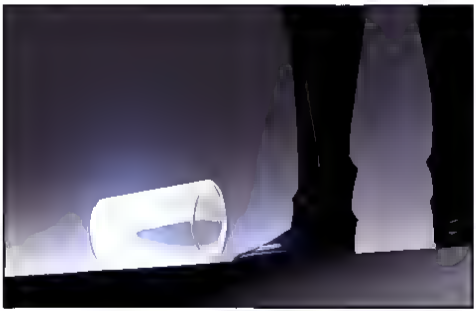



I MEAN, IT'S NOT GREAT...
BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW ORDERS.
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SCARED.

IT'S JUST A BIT PAINFUL WHEN IT'S FIRST GOING IN UNDER YOUR SKIN, BUT NOT SO BAD AFTER THAT.
DEMON BEETLE THEY LIKE SOULS RESIDING INSIDE LIVING BODIES.



THEY'RE A GIFT FROM GIRON



ONE OF YOU, WITH ME. WE GO JOIN GIRON.

THE OTHER, REMAIN HERE AND TAKE CHARGE.

EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE NO NEED ANYMORE...

ARCHANGEL'S HOLY WATER...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

GIRON!!

To be continued